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WYOMING ALL FARM PRICE INDEX UP

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during September was 141 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 10 points (8 percent) from August and up 15 points (12 percent) from last year.

The **All Livestock Index** was down 1 point (1 percent) from last month but up 17 points (13 percent) from last year. Prices for cows, steers and heifers, calves, and sheep were lower than in August while lambs remained unchanged. All livestock prices continued to be significantly above last year at this time. Cow prices averaged \$8.50 above September 2003. Steer and heifer prices were \$15.10 higher than last year but down \$2.00 from August. Calf prices were \$24.00 above September 2003 but \$5.00 below last month. Lamb prices were \$10.00 above September 2003 and sheep prices were \$4.10 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index** was up 6 points (6 percent) from August, but was unchanged from last year. Prices were slightly lower than last month for corn and feed barley. Prices were higher for oats, wheat, dry beans, and hay. Oats and hay were lower this month than in September 2003. Alfalfa hay averaged up \$3.00 from last month, but \$7.00 lower than last year. Other hay prices were \$3.00 higher than last month but \$6.00 below September 2003. Wheat was up 23 cents from last month and 17 cents from September 2003. Dry beans averaged \$1.20 higher than both last month and September 2003.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 6 points (5 percent) below the August Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index, declined 7 points (6 percent) from August while the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broccoli, wheat, grapes, oranges, and peaches. Lower prices were received for broilers, soybeans, cattle, corn, and lettuce.

The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn, and apples offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (3 percent) from September 2003. The Food Commodities Index declined 6 points (5 percent) from last month to 117. The index stands 5 points (5 percent) above September 2003.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2003, AUGUST 2004, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEPTEMBER 2003	AUGUST 2004	SEPT 15 2004	SEPTEMBER 2003	AUGUST 2004	SEPT 15 2004	% OF PARITY
		DOLLARS			DOLLARS			PERCENT
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
COWS	100#	47.50	56.80	56.00	44.80	54.70	52.80	—
STEERS & HEIFERS	100#	99.90	117.00	115.00	89.30	92.50	89.80	—
CALVES	100#	109.00	138.00	133.00	109.00	131.00	129.00	57
SHEEP	100#	36.40	40.70	40.50	32.50	38.50	1/	—
LAMBS	100#	103.00	113.00	113.00	95.10	97.80	1/	—
CROPS								
CORN	Bu.	2.05	2.50	2.45	2.20	2.34	2.13	32
OATS	Bu.	1.92	1.55	1.60	1.39	1.33	1.33	34
FEED BARLEY	Bu.	1.68	1.92	1.85	2.27	1.87	1.72	—
ALL WHEAT	Bu.	3.01	2.94	3.10	3.39	3.27	3.50	35
DRY BEANS	100#	18.30	18.30	18.50	17.70	20.90	23.40	45
ALFALFA HAY (BALED)	TON	82.00	72.00	75.00	86.70	97.40	95.50	—
OTHER HAY (BALED)	TON	75.00	66.00	69.00	68.20	70.00	65.70	—
1/MID-MONTH PRICES DISCONTINUED JANUARY 1996. NOTE: ENTIRE MONTH PRICE IS A REVISION OF PREVIOUS MID-MONTH PRICE EXCEPT FOR HAY WHICH IS ALWAYS A MID-MONTH PRICE.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEPT 2003	AUGUST 2004	SEPT 15 2004	SEPT 2003	AUGUST 2004	SEPT 15 2004	
ALL COMMODITIES		126	131	141	111	120	114	
ALL CROPS		109	103	109	111	118	111	
ALL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS		129	147	146	110	123	118	

WYOMING HAY PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO BE 22 PERCENT BELOW 2003

**WYOMING:** The October 1 forecast for all hay production in 2004 is down 22 percent from last year but 14 percent higher than 2002. Total alfalfa production is expected to be 28 percent below last year due to less acreage harvested and a lower average yield. Other hay production in the State is expected to be down 9 percent from last year due to less harvested acreage. Sugarbeet production is forecast up 7 percent from last year and the highest production since 2000. Dry bean production is expected to be 20 percent below last year.

**Alfalfa** hay production is forecast at 1.13 million tons, down 28 percent from 2003 and 2 percent below 2002. Harvested area is expected to total 490,000 acres with an average yield of 2.3 tons per acre. **Other hay** production is forecast at 700,000 tons, down 9 percent from 2003 but 56 percent above 2002. **All hay** production is forecast at 1.83 million tons, down 22 percent from 2003 but up 14 percent from 2002.

**Sugarbeet** growers intend to harvest 35,900 acres in Wyoming this year with a forecast average yield of 22.5 tons per acre. Total production would be 808,000 tons, 7 percent above 2003 and the largest crop since 2000. Acreage for harvest is 7 percent above last year. **Dry bean** production is expected to total 516,000 hundredweight from 24,000 harvested acres. If realized, production would be down 20 percent from last year, 17 percent below 2002, but virtually unchanged from 2001.

**UNITED STATES:** **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 77.4 million tons, up 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.48 tons per acre, 0.24 ton above last year. Harvested area is 22.2 million acres, down 6 percent from 2003.

**Other hay** production is forecast at 88.5 million tons, up 10 percent from 2003. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.25 tons, up 0.22 ton from last year. If realized, both yield and production would be the highest on record.

U.S. **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 18.7 million hundredweight for 2004, 17 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.25 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,495 pounds per acre, 177 pounds below last year.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2004 is forecast at 28.8 million tons, 6 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 21.7 tons per acre, 1.0 ton below 2003. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres, 2 percent below last year.

**Corn** production is forecast at 11.6 billion bushels, 15 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of October 1, the yield is expected to average 158.4 bushels per acre, 16.2 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2003; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECAST 2004

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2003	2004	2003	October 2004	2003	October 2004	2003	October 2004	04/03 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000				
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	95	50	60	129	2/	6,450	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	160	150	145	135	27	26	3,915	3,510	90%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	8	10	6	6	30	40	180	240	133%
Oats (bu) 3/	60	50	23	15	48	53	1,104	795	72%
Barley (bu) 3/	90	90	75	75	93	92	6,975	6,900	99%
Sugarbeets (tons)	35.0	37.0	33.7	35.9	22.3	22.5	752	808	107%
Dry Beans (cwt)	30.0	25.0	29.0	24.0	22.20	21.50	645	516	80%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	650	490	2.40	2.30	1,560	1,127	72%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	550	500	1.40	1.40	770	700	91%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	1,200	990	1.94	1.85	2,330	1,827	78%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	78,736	80,968	71,139	73,311	142.2	158.4	10,113,887	11,613,226	115%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	45,384	43,350	36,753	34,462	46.7	43.5	1,716,721	1,499,434	87%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	13,842	13,763	13,441	13,294	39.5	43.1	531,402	573,618	108%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,597	4,085	2,220	1,807	65.0	64.5	144,383	116,505	81%
Barley (bu) 3/	5,348	4,527	4,727	4,031	58.9	69.5	278,283	280,103	101%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,365.4	1,349.8	1,347.9	1,326.0	22.7	21.7	30,583	28,840	94%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,406.1	1,370.4	1,346.9	1,250.1	16.72	14.95	22,515	18,693	83%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)			23,578	22,226	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,371	101%
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	39,764	39,363	2.03	2.25	80,816	88,549	110%
All Hay (tons)	--	--	63,342	61,589	2.48	2.69	157,123	165,920	106%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 12, 2005.

3/Year-end estimates.



August Cattle on Feed Placements Down 12 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Monthly Record High for U.S. Pork Production

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during August 2004 totaled 900,000 pounds. This was up 75 percent from the previous month and up 1 percent from August 2003. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Nine hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in August, unchanged from August 2003. Total live weight was 1.10 million pounds, down 2 percent from August 2003. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,231 pounds down 13 pounds from last year.

A total of 1,400 **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, up 8 percent from last year. Total live weight, at 365,000 pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2003. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 253 pounds, down 3 pounds from last year.

Four hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed in August, down 20 percent from August 2003. Live weight totaled 49,000 pounds, down 18 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 140 pounds, up 9 pounds from a year earlier.

**January to August red meat production**, at 4.3 million pounds, was 4 percent below last year's total of 4.5 million pounds.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, SEPT. 1, 2003-2004 1/						
State	On Feed Aug. 1, 2004	Place-ments Aug. 2004	Market-ings Aug. 2004	Other Disapp. Aug. 2004	On Feed Sept. 1, 2004	On Feed Sept. 1, 2003
Thousand Head						
CO	880	205	150	5	930	900
KS	2,120	520	495	15	2,130	2,250
NE	1,750	420	360	10	1,800	1,660
TX	2,670	530	520	10	2,670	2,700
Other States	2,433	424	398	16	2,443	2,329
U.S.	9,853	2,099	1,923	56	9,973	9,839

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in August, down 1 percent from August 2003.

**Beef production**, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 8 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, down 10 percent from August 2003. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year to 1,252 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.70 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year, and was a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, 8 percent above August 2003.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,600 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

**January to August 2004 commercial red meat production** was 29.9 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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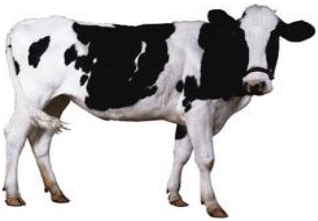
WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION INCREASES FROM LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during July-September 2004 averaged 4,200 head. The number of cows was up 2 percent from the previous quarter and up 14 percent from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2004's third quarter was 16.0 million pounds, unchanged from the previous three months but up 23 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was still down 2 percent from the July-September 2002 total.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 42.2 billion pounds, 1 percent above the same period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.03 million head, 40,000 head fewer than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JUL-SEP, 2003 AND 2004					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
		1,000 Head	Million Pounds		Percent
WY	3.7	4.2	13.0	16.0	23.1
CA	1,693	1,733	8,768	9,124	4.1
CO	100	103	545	546	0.2
ID	411	430	2,266	2,358	4.1
MT	18	18	87	89	2.3
NE	63	61	268	256	-4.5
SD	82	81	332	341	2.7
UT	90	88	405	418	3.2
WI	1,254	1,240	5,568	5,504	-1.1
US	9,073	9,033	41,746	42,194	1.1

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.  
2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 2003 AND 2004, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	August 2003	August 2004	August 2003	August 2004	% 04/03	August 2003	August 2004	August 2003	August 2004	% 04/03
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	900	900	1,126	1,101	98	3,138,800	2,819,300	3,846,377	3,529,724	92
Hogs	1,300	1,400	338	365	108	8,057,900	8,719,800	2,098,465	2,283,391	109
Sheep & Lambs	500	400	60	49	82	241,600	232,600	31,262	30,109	96